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Dr. A. Whitney Griswold
President
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Griswold:

I am most grateful to you for your letter of 29 December in regard to Herman Kent. Acceptance of a position in this Agency involved great difficulty and sacrifice on his part and I should not have pressed him to do so if he had not been urgently needed in a critical time. You can be assured that I shall permit him, insofar as possible, to maintain contact with his family and to return to New Haven at regular intervals.

Many thanks again to you and to the fellows of the corporation of Yale College for granting Mr. Kent a leave of absence to serve with me.

Sincerely,

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WALTER B. SMITH

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